

Forest insurance

Insurance Product Information Document



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For the complete contractual information, see the product description, the insurance terms and conditions, and the insurance policy.

What is this type of insurance?

Forest insurance is full value insurance for your forest. It covers damage to a forest from natural phenomena and animals. In addition, losses suffered by forestry inventory, equipment and buildings from fire, storms, property crime and external breakage are covered by this insurance. Some of the key elements associated with forest insurance are the property identifier, the total area of the insured forest and the municipality where the forest is located. It is also recommended that you include forest owner's legal expenses insurance and liability insurance in this insurance.



What is insured?

The subject-matter of this insurance are the following items of the forest which is shown in the insurance policy and identified by the relevant property identifier:

- ✓ forest stand;
- ✓ saplings;
- ✓ harvested timber in a harvesting site or stored at a cutblock or roadside;
- ✓ tree seedlings in temporary storage acquired for the purposes of restocking;
- ✓ forest fertilisers up to €10,000;
- ✓ slash intended for use for bioenergy in respect of which a written contract of sale has been concluded;
- ✓ forestry inventory and equipment up to €100,000;
- ✓ forestry buildings up to €50,000.

For each insured forest holding, choose the insured events to be covered by this insurance from among the options below. However, note that an insurance cover against fire is always compulsory and that an insurance cover against storms is also mandatory whenever selecting any other covers for your policy.

Forest insurance covers the following losses:

- ✓ fire damage from an outbreak of fire to a forest stand, saplings, harvested timber, seedlings kept for planting, slash intended for bioenergy, and stored fertilisers;
- ✓ in addition, additional costs from the forest owner's own actions to prevent and contain a forest fire;
- ✓ storm damage to a forest stand, saplings, harvested timber, seedlings kept for planting, and stored fertilisers;
- ✓ snow damage to a forest stand and saplings;
- ✓ insect damage to a forest stand and saplings;
- ✓ flood damage from a freshwater flood as well as from masses of ice moved by water and dams built by beavers to a forest stand, saplings, timber, seedlings kept for planting, and stored fertilisers;
- ✓ fungal damage to a forest stand and saplings;
- ✓ damage caused by deer, lagomorphs, rodents and birds to a forest stand, saplings, harvested timber, seedlings kept for planting, and stored fertilisers;
- ✓ damage caused through vandalism and theft to a forest stand, saplings, timber, seedlings kept for planting, stored fertilisers, and slash intended for bioenergy;
- ✓ damage from fire, storms, vandalism, theft and external breakage to forestry inventory, equipment and buildings.



What is not insured?

- ✗ Damage caused by Cervidae other than roe deer.
- ✗ Damage caused by the pinewood nematode and other nematodes.
- ✗ Damage caused by wood decaying fungal diseases such as Heterobasidion.
- ✗ Extinguishing costs.
- ✗ Soil of a forest holding.
- ✗ Natural sites situated at the forest holding and conserved or voluntarily protected under forest or nature conservation laws.
- ✗ Timber which has been further processed by sawing, planing or in some other manner.



Are there any restrictions on cover?

This insurance does not cover for example:

- ! damage which occurs or starts before this insurance takes effect;
- ! damage insofar as it can be reimbursed out of public funds;
- ! costs of forestation carried out after a forest stand has suffered damage;
- ! damage to a forest stand, saplings or timber through a mechanical cause;
- ! damage caused by any contamination of air, soil or water;
- ! damage from drought, frost, ground frost, surface frost, cold spring wind or nutrient deficiencies;
- ! changes in market prices brought about by the political or economic situation, or any other financial losses;
- ! clearance, cleaning or landscaping costs after harvest removal of destructed wood from a forest;
- ! insect damages caused to the same forest compartment for more than two times
- ! internal breakage of buildings and movable property;
- ! damage caused through the normal use, wear and tear, or some other gradual phenomenon affecting, buildings and movable property.

With regard to buildings and movable property, neither does this insurance cover any damage caused by:

- ! errors in design, installation, erection, handling, use or delivery, or by bad workmanship;
- ! structural, manufacturing or material defects;
- ! foundation or construction faults, or construction which is in violation of building codes, instructions or generally accepted construction methods.



Where am I covered?

- ✓ This insurance is in force at the forest holding shown in the insurance policy.
- ✓ This insurance can be taken out only on forest holdings situated in Finland.



What are my obligations?

- When concluding a contract, disclose the true and correct information on whatever you seek insurance cover for.
- When your insurance is in force, pay the insurance premiums, comply with all safety regulations, and notify of any intensification of a risk which has a bearing on the insurance company's liability.
- When loss or damage occurs or is imminent, take care to prevent or limit it.
- When presenting a claim, contribute to the settling of the claim and the scope thereof.



When and how do I pay?

- Pay your insurance no later than on the due date via a bank using an invoice with a reference number. You may also pay your insurance with an e-invoice or in the form of direct payment (private customers) or using an online invoice (corporate customers).
- You may choose to pay your insurance in one or several instalments.



When does the cover start and end?

Your insurance takes effect no sooner than on the day when you apply for it, and it remains in force for an indefinite period. Your insurance ends when you terminate it.

Under some circumstances, such as if you do not pay your premiums, the insurance company may also terminate your insurance.



How do I cancel the contract?

You may cancel your insurance in writing at any point during an insurance period.